

REMARKS

By this Amendment, a new title is submitted for consideration by the Examiner and the Abstract is revised. Additionally, the claims have been amended to merely clarify the recited subject matter without narrowing their scope and new claims 22 and 23 have been added to further claim the disclosed invention. Applicant submits that those new claims are patentable over the cited prior art for reasons substantially similar to the arguments presented herein. Claims 1-23 are pending.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) based on Sakano et al. (U.S. 5,513,343; hereafter "Sakano"). Applicant traverses the rejection because Sakano fails to disclose, teach or suggest the claimed invention.

For example, Sakano fails to disclose, teach or suggest a method of data transmission to a network management system, comprising providing a response or alarm to be transmitted to the network management system with at least one pointer indicating the location where to find additional information; and transmitting the response or alarm to the network management system, as recited in independent claims 1 and 8-13 and their respective dependent claims. Additionally, Sakano fails to disclose, teach or suggest a network element of a telecommunications network, the network element being capable to be in connection with the network management system of the telecommunications network by transmitting to the network management system at least one response provided with a pointer indicating the location where to find additional information, as recited in independent claims 14-16. Further, Sakano fails to disclose, teach or suggest network management systems being capable to receive responses from network elements, to identify a pointer in a response, the pointer indicating where to find additional information, as recited in independent claims 17, 20 and 21 and their respective dependent claims.

Sakano merely discloses transmitting alarm information from objects to a network management system. That transmitted alarm information includes detailed information relating to the alarms. Thus, the detailed information is transmitted from the object to the network management system where it is stored. However, Sakano fails to disclose, teach or suggest a solution where detailed information is maintained in the objects without having to transmit that detailed information to the network management system.

To the contrary, in accordance with the claimed invention, it is not necessary to transmit the additional information to the network management system, because the network management system is provided with a direct link to the additional information stored in the

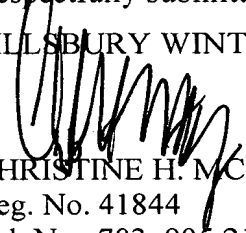
network element. Thus, Sakano fails to disclose, teach or suggest the claimed method, network and network system in which a response is transmitted from a network element to the network management system, the response including a pointer indicating a location where the additional information relating to the response can be found.

Accordingly, rejected claims 1-21, and new claims 22-23, are allowable.

All objections have been addressed. If anything further is necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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